

A JOINT RESOLUTION designating the "Officer Daniel Ellis Memorial Highway" in Madison County.

WHEREAS, Daniel Ellis was born April 22, 1982, to Kelly and Nancy West Ellis of Campbellsville; and

WHEREAS, Daniel Ellis, a quiet, hardworking young man who dreamed of a career in law enforcement, graduated from Taylor County High School in 2000; and

WHEREAS, Daniel Ellis then attended and graduated from Eastern Kentucky University in 2005 with a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice, where he met his loving wife, the former Katie Gruenwald; and

WHEREAS, Officer Daniel Ellis began working for the Richmond Police Department on August 11, 2008; and

WHEREAS, to the citizens of Richmond, Officer Daniel Ellis was the kind of police officer you want in your community: hardworking, courteous, and respectful in a job where you often interact with people on some of the worst days of their lives; and

WHEREAS, on November 4, 2015, Officer Daniel Ellis, while entering a house he was told was unoccupied in order to investigate a robbery, was cowardly ambushed and shot in the head by an occupant of the building; and

WHEREAS, Officer Daniel Ellis succumbed to his wounds two days later, passing away on November 6, 2015, at the age of 33; and

WHEREAS, the tragic death of Officer Daniel Ellis has not only galvanized the Richmond community, but has struck a chord across the state and region, with over 7,000 attending his memorial service at Eastern Kentucky University, and law enforcement officers from as far away as Alabama and New York joining in the 12-mile-long procession that carried Officer Ellis the nearly 100 miles to his final resting place; and

WHEREAS, at his memorial, Officer Daniel Ellis, who had recently been promoted and was set to begin duty as a detective, was remembered by Richmond Police Chief Larry Brock, who said, "He turned out to be a great police officer. He was one of those

guys that just got it and got it early...When Daniel sank his teeth into something he just wouldn't let it go. That's what he was doing last week...Our lives will never be the same again, the lives of his fellow officers and of his family will never be the same"; and

WHEREAS, in eulogizing Officer Daniel Ellis, Phillip Shumake, minister of East End Church of Christ in Lexington, relayed a story that Ellis's wife, Katie, had told him. While on duty one day, Ellis had seen a man in business clothes walking down the road carrying a tent. When asked, the man told Ellis that he had a job interview in the morning and didn't know a way to get there other than spending the night in a tent nearby. Ellis paid to get him a room, to which Shumake added, "Underneath his badge was a heart full of kindness"; and

WHEREAS, Officer Daniel Ellis was a member of the Madison County F.O.P. Lodge #47, the Kentucky Narcotics Association, the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity, and the East End Church of Christ in Lexington; and

WHEREAS, other than his wife Katie and his parents, Officer Daniel Ellis is survived by his son, Luke Michael Ellis; two brothers, Jeremy (Amanda) West and Eric (Heather) Ellis; one sister, Kelli Marie (Jason) Ellis Bush; his paternal grandmother Clara Ellis Schoenberger; his mother- and father-in-law, Nancy and Greg Gruenwald; his sister-in-law Amy (Dylan) Gruenwald Holt; and several nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, the senseless and tragic end of Officer Daniel Ellis's life has left a void that cannot be filled, and he is mourned across the length and breadth of this Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, in that spirit, it is indeed fitting and appropriate that this Commonwealth offer a lasting, tangible tribute to the memory of our fallen hero, no matter how inadequate it might be; and

WHEREAS, from time to time, the General Assembly has seen fit to honor various Kentuckians by naming portions of state highways and erecting commemorative roadway signs in their honor; and

WHEREAS, these Kentuckians have come from all walks of life, held a multitude of jobs, and had a variety of accomplishments that made them deserving of the honor; and

WHEREAS, these individuals have included former Governors, former members of the General Assembly, decorated veterans, slain law enforcement officers, local elected officials, astronauts, doctors, educators, distinguished athletes, and civic leaders; and

WHEREAS, every citizen of the Commonwealth owes a great debt of gratitude to the patriotic men and women killed and wounded in service to their country in times of great need; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly has often honored the veterans of this state by naming portions of several roads, from interstates to small two-lane country roads, in their honor; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly again sees fit to honor a group of individuals who have made the lives of their fellow Kentuckians better and brought honor and respect to the Commonwealth;

NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

➔Section 1. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate United States Route 25 in Madison County, between its two intersections with the United States Route 25 Bypass, as the "Officer Daniel Ellis Memorial Highway," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect appropriate signs denoting this designation.

➔Section 2. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate Kentucky Route 1646 in Hardin County, Kentucky, from its intersection with Kentucky Route 1815 to its intersection with Kentucky Route 361, as the "Trooper Joseph Cameron Ponder Memorial Highway," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect appropriate signs denoting this designation.

➔Section 3. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate Kentucky Route 324 in Mason County, from its intersection with United States Highway 68 to its intersection

with Kentucky Route 11, as the "Colonel Charles Young Memorial Highway," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.

➔Section 4. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate United States Route 60 in Breckinridge County as the "Breckinridge County Veterans Memorial Highway," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage denoting this designation.

➔Section 5. The Transportation Cabinet shall honor the accomplishments of Chris Stapleton by including him on the Country Music Highway on United States Route 23 in Johnson County, and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect appropriate signs denoting this designation.

➔Section 6. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the bridge on Kentucky Route 55, south of Taylorsville over Salt River, the "C.L. Glasscock Jr. Memorial Bridge," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect appropriate signs denoting this designation.

➔Section 7. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate Kentucky Route 222 from Kentucky Route 1136 to Robey Road in Hardin County as the "Firefighter Jonathan French Memorial Highway," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect appropriate signs denoting this designation.

➔Section 8. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate Kentucky Route 632 in Pike County as the "Sturgeon/Rice/Hayes Vietnam Memorial Highway," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage denoting this designation.

➔Section 9. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the new bridge on United States Highway 119 in Letcher County at the Harlan County line as the "Gayle Lawson Memorial Bridge," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.

➔Section 10. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the portion of United

States Route 127 from milepoint 2.535 to milepoint 5.295 the "Logann Driskell Memorial Highway," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect appropriate signs denoting this designation.

➔Section 11. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate United States Route 60 in Daviess County, from mile point 10 to mile point 20, as the "Navy Airman James Van Bussum Memorial Highway," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect appropriate signs denoting this designation.

➔Section 12. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate Kentucky Route 2155 in Daviess County, from 3rd Street to 27th Street, as the "SP4 Charles Rates Lewis Jr. Memorial Highway," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.

➔Section 13. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the bridge on United States Route 31W over Bacon Creek within the city limits of Bonnieville (Bridge Number 050B00035N) as the "Camp Jefferson Memorial Bridge," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect appropriate signs denoting this designation.

➔Section 14. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the new bridge on Kentucky Route 30, near the intersection of Kentucky Route 3237 in Breathitt County, as the "Sergeant Willie Sandlin Memorial Bridge," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect appropriate signage denoting this designation.

➔Section 15. The Transportation Cabinet is hereby directed to honor Brian Kilgore by erecting signs on United States Highway 25E at the Knox County/Laurel County line and at the Knox County/Bell County line that read, "Home of Brian Kilgore 'Original Bad Boy' MMA 2011 Hall of Fame." The signs shall be erected within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution and shall remain in place for at least one year from the date of their placement.

➔Section 16. The Transportation Cabinet is hereby directed to honor Hannah and Reese Farris by erecting signs on United States Highway 25E at the Knox County/Laurel

County line and at the Knox County/Bell County line that read "Home of 2015 National Junior Olympic Gold Medalists in Gymnastics Hannah and Reese Farris." The signs erected under this section shall remain in place for at least one year from the date of their placement.

➔Section 17. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the new bridge on Kentucky Route 52 in Lee County, near its intersection with Kentucky Route 2016, as the "Roy Angel Memorial Bridge," and within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.

➔Section 18. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the first bridge in Leslie County, on Kentucky Route 1780, off of United States Highway 421, as the "Graydon and Nell Hoskins Memorial Bridge," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage denoting this designation.

➔Section 19. The Transportation Cabinet is hereby directed to honor Greg Queen by erecting signs on Kentucky 192 Bypass in Laurel County that read, "Home of the 2005 to 2015 Bluegrass 10,000 Crank Wheelchair Champion Greg Queen." The signs erected under this section shall remain in place for at least one year from the date of their placement.

➔Section 20. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate Kentucky Route 3424 in Leslie County as the "Henry Roberts Memorial Highway," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect appropriate signage denoting this designation.

➔Section 21. The Transportation Cabinet is hereby directed to honor the Shopville Elementary archery team by erecting signs on Kentucky Route 80 approaching the school in each direction that read "Shopville Elementary Archery, 2014 NASP State Champions, 2015 NASP State and National Champions." The signs shall be erected within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution and shall remain in place for at least one year from the date of their placement.

➔Section 22. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate United States Route

68/Kentucky Route 80 in Trigg County, from mile point 0 to mile point 8.3, as the "Trigg County Veterans Memorial Highway," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signs denoting this designation.

➔Section 23. The Transportation Cabinet shall honor the accomplishments of Patrick by designating Kentucky Route 2237 in Bullitt County as "Patrick Lane" and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect appropriate signs denoting this designation.

➔Section 24. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate Kentucky Route 70 in Barren County, from Cave City to Hiseville, as the "Pfc. Edgar Everett Purple Heart Trail," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect appropriate signage denoting this designation.

➔Section 25. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate United States Highway 27 in Jessamine County, from mile point 1.230 to the Fayette County line, as the "Jessamine County Fallen Heroes Highway," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.

➔Section 26. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the bridge on Kentucky Route 61, over the Salt River in Bullitt County, as the "Women's Army Corps Memorial Bridge," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect appropriate signage denoting this designation.

➔Section 27. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate Kentucky Route 1448 in Mason County, from United States Highway 62 to Kentucky Route 9, as the "First Responders Highway Buffalo Trace Region," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage denoting this legislation.

➔Section 28. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the bridge on Kentucky Route 2557 in Floyd County as the "Gene D. Davis Memorial Bridge," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.

➔Section 29. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate Kentucky Route 32 in

Rowan County, from the Fleming/Rowan County line (mile point 0) to the interchange of Interstate-64 (mile point 5.59) as "Veteran's Avenue," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.

➔Section 30. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate Kentucky Route 3531 in Rowan County, from Kentucky Route 32 to the end of the state-maintained portion of the highway, as the "American Legion Way," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.

➔Section 31. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the bridge on Kentucky Route 699 in Perry County, at its intersection with Kentucky Route 7, as the "Denver and Irene Miniard Memorial Bridge," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.

➔Section 32. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate Kentucky Route 267 in Perry County, from Kentucky Highway 15 to the town of Typo, as the "Sgt. Dennie Neace Memorial Highway" and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution erect appropriate signs denoting this designation.

➔Section 33. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the bridge on Kentucky Route 160 in Harlan County, at mile point 5,404 that spans over Looney Creek, as the "Chester Andrew Molley Memorial Bridge," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.

➔Section 34. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the bridge on Kentucky Route 215 in Harlan County, at mile point 2.626 that spans Yocum Creek, as the "David 'HotShot' Rigney Memorial Bridge," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.

➔Section 35. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the new replacement bridge on Kentucky Route 20 in Boone County (008B00018N), as the "Albert Wind Jr. WWII Veteran Memorial Bridge," and shall, within 30 days of completion of the bridge, erect appropriate signage denoting this designation.

➔Section 36. The Transportation Cabinet is hereby directed to honor the Corbin High School Cheerleading Team by erecting signs on United States Highway 25E at the Laurel/Knox County line and on United States Highway 25W in the city of Corbin, near its intersection with Snyder Street that read, "Home of the Corbin High School Cheerleading Team 2016 UCA National Champions/Medium Division II." The signs placed under this section shall remain in place for at least one year from the date of their placement.

➔Section 37. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the bridge on Kentucky Route 80 in Floyd County that spans over United States Highway 23, as the "Lucy Kinzer Memorial Bridge," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.

➔Section 38. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate Kentucky Route 3024 in Floyd County as "Kassidy Lane," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.

➔Section 39. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate United States Highway 60 in Daviess County, from its intersection with the Owensboro Bypass, going west to Audubon Elementary School as the "SPC Brandon Scott Mullins Memorial Highway," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.